

## **King County regional open space acquisition programs since 1970 with Open Space Citizen Advisory and Oversight Boards:**

**Forward Thrust (1969-1980)** Over 4,000 acres of parks and 53 miles of waterfront were acquired. This far-ranging regional effort included transit improvements and the Kingdome. Riparian corridors were acquired on the Cedar River, Soos Creek, May Creek, Coal Creek and the Sammamish River.

**Farmlands Preservation Program (campaign and selection Committees between 1979-1985)** Over 12,000 acres of development rights were purchased on a voluntary basis to help save farming and preserve open space in King County.

**1989 Open Space Bond (campaign and oversight Committees, 1988-1997)** Over 5,000 acres of open space and tens of miles of regional trails were acquired in over 100 projects in this program.

**1993 Regional Conservation Futures Acquisition Bond (1993-1997)** This \$60 million program permanently preserved over 4,000 acres of open space in over 60 projects in King County and its cities. All acquisitions were done on a voluntary basis.

**Waterways 2000 (1994-1997)** Working with scientists, private stakeholders, communities, and landowners, King County identified 17 stream basins with high quality salmon habitat and funded pilot project acquisition efforts in six high-priority basins. Over 1,600 acres were permanently preserved and over 300 acres added to the PBRs current use taxation program.

**Cedar River Legacy: (1994-present)** This program works in conjunction with the Cedar River Council, composed of citizens and elected officials, to select habitat acquisition and restoration projects. To date, over \$9 million has been allocated to acquire several hundred acres, including key habitat on Rock Creek, Patterson Creek and the main stem of the Cedar River.

**Farm and Forest Program: (1996)** This program included \$6 million to acquire demonstration rural forest projects at Taylor Mountain and Ring Hill, as well as additional farmland development rights easements.

**Fields And Streams (1998)** This Citizen-based program identified over \$65 million in Salmon habitat and active recreation projects. Though it failed at the polls it many of the projects identified became priorities and were subsequently funded and it was recognized as Volunteer Organization of the Year for 1997 by the North Pacific International Chapter of the American Fisheries Society -

**Surface Water Regional Needs Assessment (RNA) Forums (1996-1999)** At the direction of the Regional Water Quality Committee these forums, which included citizens and multi-agency staff and scientists, met extensively and developed recommendations on over two hundred million dollars in habitat preservation and flood prevention projects and programs.

**Early Action Endangered Salmon Habitat Program (1998)** In response to the listing of Puget Sound Chinook under the federal Endangered Species Act, King County convened a panel that included Waterways 2000 citizen advisory committee members for recommendations on \$5 million in habitat acquisition and restoration projects, including RNA Forum recommendations

**WRIA Forums (1999- present)** Building on the work of the RNA Forums, the WRIA Forums include citizens and elected officials that have developed priorities which have successfully competed for state and federal salmon recovery dollars targeted for habitat acquisition.

**Conservation Futures Annual allocations (1989 –present)** Since 1989, the Citizen Oversight Committee has made 11 recommendations on over 130 funded projects in 28 cities and Unincorporated King County, virtually all of which have been successfully implemented.